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PROSPECTS FOR THE NEGRO.

REV. DR. L. A. HAGOOD, PASTOR OF SIMPSON CHAPEL

M. E. Church, of Indianapolis, Writes an Interesting Article Concerning the Future Prospects of the Colored Man.

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.]

Before the war the question of morality among our people was never raised or taught either by precept or example, but rather the opposite. She whom the colored man called wife was not, and therefore, all his children, under such circumstances, were born out of wedlock. The parents, compelled to eat sour grapes, is it any wonder, or is it not most natural that the children's teeth would be on edge? The children, considered as serfs, were only trained as beasts of burden. If they heard anything about the seventh commandment, it was only that its prohibitions did not apply to female slaves and their owners. For fear some one may fail to get the full import of this, let us suppose a case. That the white people of this country had been kept in abject serfdom for two hundred and forty-three years by persons of a different race, who taught them by precept and example that they had no soul, and it they did, it was not like their masters; and if it was the same, rules of rectitude were not required by the bible of them; and that the seventh commandment was not binding when it comes to the opposite sex of the opposite nationalities. How deep seated would immorality have been among them, say thirty years of the kind of freedom the colored man has been granted in this country? When liberated, everything was against his moral training. Those who had held him in bondage, if capable, would not themselves nor would they allow those who were qualified to train him unmolested. When his females went forth to help turn an honest penny as house or hotel maid or nurse, many of the white men of the South seemed not to have heard of the emancipation that had already taken place. These girls and women in many quarters, had no rights that their dissolute employers were bound to respect. Where such exists in the South to-day, it is often the result of the same causes.

That morality is at too low an ebb amongst us, we acknowledge with shamefacedness; yet, but few, who know whereof they speak, will deny the fact that even among the middle and lower classes, immorality is on the decline. Those who harshly and hypocritically judge the race, make two mistakes just here, as a rule; they persistently refuse or ignorantly decline to make a distinction between those who are and those who are not moral; and before they accept any as moral, demand or expect the moral uplifting of the entire race. The idea of the birth of a nation in a day ought not to have credence outside of the word of God when accompanied by the promise of miraculous interposition.

It must not be forgotten that of all moral levers, personal contact is the most potential. And yet, this was the very thing prohibited in the South. To the colored people the advantages of contact with the Y. M. C. A., the W. C. T. U. and the altars of God's Holy Church, were prohibited except when by separate organizations, some of those advantages come to them. Did I say in the South? Well, let this suffice for the present.

Intellectually, we wish to report progress for the race. In a recent issue of the Louisville, Ky., Courier-Journal, an editorial as follows appeared:

> "The more ignorant Negroes of the South have been made to fear that if the Democratic party obtained control of the government, it would return them all to slavery. But the old Negroes who were slaves, and with whom gratitude for freedom is a moving sentiment, are dying off. The younger Negroes know more. They are learning in the schools and they do not swallow absurd statements with avidity. They are cultivating the habit of thinking for themselves."

Words of this kind, coming from a source, that from education and habit, positively refuses to call the colored man anything but the Negro and then men refuses to begin the word with a capital N., certainly proves that the race is progressing intellectually. The story used to be that he could not learn. And if perchance he did learn, he could never hope to ascend the highest branches, but would be compelled to stay around the roots. But to-day 2,000,000—25 per cent—colored youth are in school. They begin with the kindergarten and keep going until the university is reached. From this start he has gone on until now among them are to be found persons revelling in differential calculus and logarithmic functions. Among the higher schools of the different religious denominations are 52 institutions, 375 professors, 9,556 pupils. Some have finished at these institutions and have gone to Boston University, Harvard, Yale, Berlin and Edinburg. In some of these schools the young colored men have led their class. The cry is no longer for colored students, but for more money to make more room and better facilities. These institutions have sent forth ministers who are not compelled to announce for a text, "Whar ar de hen scratch dars whar de bug is," nor is physicians to make every prescription, no matter what the pathological condition may be "Quinine and calomel;" pharmacists, stenographers, dentists and well-equipped mechanics. Some of these, by their erudition and urbanity, are beginning to "pluck up drowned honor by the locks."

There are colored men in this country to-day who were either slaves or born shortly afterwards, who have received, after rigid examinations by chartered institions of reputation and learning, the scientific and literary degrees granted others. Under the circumstances and viewing the progress being made, we ask if it is immodest for him to sing:

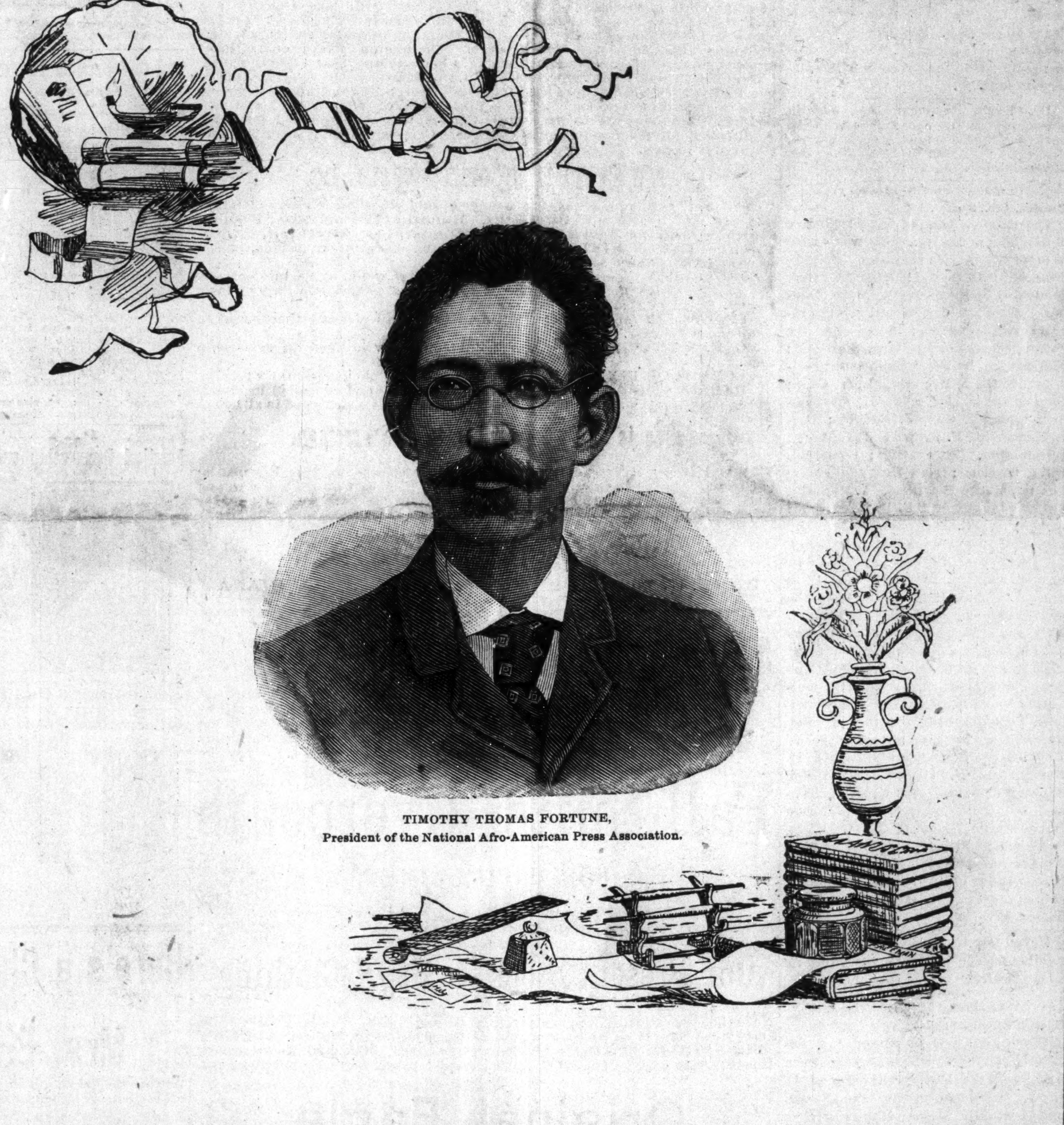
"We are rising as a people,
With the changes of our land?"

Spiritually, he moves on a pace, for he has not forgotten that "Blessed is that people whose God is the Lord." To-day he is conducting his church services in many instances like other religious people. Three-fourths as many colored people are religious or christians as were liberated by the emancipation proclamation, i, e., three out of every eight colored people are members of some christian church. In this great work—for it is a great and grand work—no other church has been more conspicuous or has done more to move obstacles out of his way; has done more to elevate him in every way possible than the Methodist Episcopal church. When she begins to utilize the material she has developed in her school she will see to it that some of the efficient, religious young colored people are employed in her book concerns and Freedman's Aid Society and other general office work, salesmen or women and clerks, then she will distance all competitors and put a quietus on officious, but disinterested meddlers. So it is certain, if these things be true, and they are, that the colored man is progressing religiously. And now no matter what has been accomplished so far, it is only a beginning. His future prospects further than this depends greatly upon the reputation he has made and shall yet make for probity, industry and efficiency, and this he is learning more and more every day. Notwithstanding his other faults—which are too many—no one has yet accused him of encouraging strikes or being a bomb-throwing anarchist, and yet, strange to say, in more than one section of this glorious country, any Dago, Turk or Anarchist is considered "preferred stock" to the most enlightened and refined colored person. And yet it is believed they are not false philosophers who declare of the colored people with General Grant's words when addressing an English regiment, "They have the swing of conquest," since they are not ashamed of the pick, the ax and the hoe, and understand and can use that in their defense which is mightier than the sword—the pen.

He has yet to produce a Webster, a Nathaniel Hawthorne, a Harriet Beecher-Stowe, an Albion W. Tourgee or a Bishop Mathew Simpson, but are they not in training? And now if it be true that the darkest hour is just before the dawn of day, may we not rationally conclude that the night of his humiliation is far spent, and that the day star that shall usher in the bright and glorious morn of his new existence, begins to softly but surely spread its benign rays over a drowsy world? Has he not suffered more than any race in history? Has he not thriven on arid desert, while the barbarous cruelties perpetrated upon him in the midst of a christian nation, put to shame for cruelty the tortures of the Spanish Inquisition? If God is not dead, there is, there must be a prosperous future before the colored man, when his political, civil, social and religious rights will be recognized as those of other races in this country are. When that day does dawn—it will dawn, for God lives, and there has never been a night without a day—he can go fourth and join with others in celebrating the Fourth of July; can feel that his home, his loved ones and himself are safe anywhere the flag floats; can go fourth with others and standing beneath the stars and stripes, can look forth over this broad, prolific, prosperous and pleasantly beautiful land, and sing with gusto and in truth:

"My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing."

Then, and not till then, can he recognize this country to be that which poetic license makes it, "The land of the free and the home of the brave."



TIMOTHY THOMAS FORTUNE,
President of the National Afro-American Press Association.

Acquitted of a Serious Charge.

Clarendon, Ark., Special.

Last Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. our new preacher filled the pulpit at the A. M. E. church. Misses Emma McGahee and Sarah Smith spent this week in Holly Grove making book sales. Rev. M. E. Wildman, one of our ex-pastors passed through the city en route to his work. Circuit court adjourned after two week's session. Six were convicted and six cleared. Among those acquitted was a colored man, charged with raping a white woman. Mrs. Kary is quite ill at this writing. The K. of H. made quite a display last Tuesday night in their installation services. "The Nashville Students," P. T. Wright's great colored concert company will be at the opera house Monday night the 16th. Tickets on sale at Bateman & Franklin's. Miss Nettie left this week for Cotton Plant to attend the C. P. Academy. Charlie Hall's mother left Wednesday to visit friends and relatives in Tennessee. Don't forget The Freeman at McAmoores' barber shop

Helena Notes.

Helena, Ark., Special.

Lewis Magruder had a very serious difficulty the other day with a young man who cut his throat. Too much whiskey was the cause. Hon. C. C. Caldwell, pension attorney has returned. The United States Court failed to indict Mr. Caldwell who was bound over to the present session upon the charge of impersonating an officer. Two weddings will take place soon. Rev. R. D. Gibson accompanied by Rev. Mr. Ward has returned home from Greenville, Miss. Dr. E. A. Morris left on the 7th for Hot Springs. Rev. W. A. Holmes is succeeding nicely as editor of the Reporter of this city. Rev. G. W. Swan has moved to Morrilton. Rev. A. H. Miller has built a beautiful seven-room cottage. Miss Lula Hibbs who has been very sick has recovered. Mrs. John Jones who has been seriously ill, is on the mend. The Grand Master, J. A. Hayes of Pine Bluff passed through our city this week en route to the meeting of the Grand Board near Red Stone. The Rev. Mrs. J. T. Thurman organized the Foreign Missionary Society last Monday at Carter Chapel A. M. E. church. It will be an auxiliary to the parent board of that church. Mrs. Thurman left Tuesday for Elisville to organize the work there. Mrs. Thurman preached two excellent sermons. Collection for her benefit was $11. Miss L. W. Parker and the students of the Helena Normal school are practicing for a Japanese wedding. M. McCall had another paralytic stroke. His many friends extend their sympathies to him and family. N. G. Gill left for school at Tuskegee, Ala., a few days ago.

"Prejudice Against the Negro."

Lincoln, Ill., Special.

Hon. Jno. S. Donaldson gave a brief lecture at the Second Baptist church Monday evening. The subject was "Prejudice Against the Negro." Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Dyer a boy. The entertainment given under the direction of Rev. Holmes of the A. M. E. church was a grand success. Many young people attended and had a nice time. A party of girls and boys attended the opening ball at Clinton Thursday evening. Miss Hester Fuqua, organist for the A. M. E. church renders excellent music which is appreciated very much. Mrs. H. Chappel's little boy Odas, aged eight months is dead. Rev. Holmes request the young people to meet Monday evening for the purpose of organizing a literary society. The G. U. O. of O. F. lodge is steadily increasing its membership.

HIGHER EDUCATION NEEDED

HOW SHALL WE ATTAIN IT—MAKING TELESCOPES

In the Central Tennessee College a Step Onward—Others Should Follow—Money Should Not be the End of the Cry For Industrial Training.

EDITOR FREEMAN.

"Howard University stands for higher education" is a most striking motto in the exhibit of Howard University at Atlanta. So much is being said about higher education that we begin to ask questions like these: What is meant by higher education? What are the means of higher education? And if we speak of higher education in general, may it not include not only the curriculum of the college, but the work shop, the newspaper, the magazine, the rostrum, the pulpit etc? They are all means of education. Higher education, as generally understood, is graduation from a first class course in a first class college or university. But it is this and much more. Colleges and universities do not make scholars, in the true sense, nor is a man highly educated when he steps forth bearing a diploma from the best and highest school in the land. The college simply places him in the higher highway to higher education and scholarship, and his higher education depends upon his continuance in that higher highway. In order to do this, he must have access to a library of the best books; to the best lecture halls; to the best pulpit oratory; to the best newspapers and magazines; and to the best work shops if he intends to develop in the industries.

That the Negro has ample opportunity for the pursuit of the courses in the best colleges and universities of the world, is a fact. But what about the means of education after he shall have gone out of these great schools to mingle with the race? Well, if he has money, he may have plenty of good books, newspapers and magazines by Caucasion authors, and he may occasionally be an unwelcome guest at a lecture or sermon. In which case, in a measure, he would be educated in latitudes far away from love and loyality to his race. Therefore we are forced to inquire "To what extent is the Negro supplying himself with means of ex-college higher education?" I am reminded that I now tread upon dangerous ground in attempting to answer this question. In the line of lectures and sermons, I fear not a great deal has been done; but is gratifying to note an upward tendency. In the great army of this class of educators whose selfishness forces them to low ground, there have been all along a gallant few who maintained a higher standard regardless of consequences. Among them we include such men as Bishop Payne, Dr. Crummell, Dr. Grimke, and others. This is also true of the newspapers of the race. The average paper is too personal in many ways. Few of them present thoughtful editorials on economic and scientific questions. We do not expect weekly papers to give general news, as the large dailies do, but these weekly journals should be brimful of well written articles, well printed on decent paper that wherever they go they will command respect, and lift up the masses. Such papers as The Freeman for instance. When I was editor of the Beech Ridge Bugle Blast, Rev. Solomon Epps said to me one day: Reuben, "I have just had a successful revival down on Big Nancy Creek. We had five converts. My friends say that your paper would have a big sale if you would publish a sketch of my life and great work, putting in my cut."

The next week the Bugle Blast contained nothing but the great work, life and cut of the Rev. Solomon Epps, D.D. The next week Prof. Abraham Lincoln Washington, who graduated six weeks before from the James, Abram, Garfield, Memorial, Theological, Normal, Industrial Institute induced me to publish, along with Frederick Douglass, his cut and a prospectus of his life. And so on I went abusing the columns of the Bugle Blast and doing the people no good until I had no readers, and had to suspend.

What about the American Negro magazines or reviews as sources of higher education? With one exception they have followed the weakness of the newspapers. But here as on the rostrum we have signs of improvement. No one can read the articles by I. D. Bassett and John S. Durham in the last A. M. E. church Review and not be struck by their excellence in every respect as literary productions of a high order. I think that it is generally admitted in reading circles that the great periodicals are the most potent factors in higher education. While literary education must forever be the basis of all other development, still society demands industrial training as an element in successful government. And here as in literary work, is the urgent demand for higher industrial education. Even our best industrial schools seem not to have a proper conception of the demands of the hour, or they are too much hampered to realize their conceptions. Without the least desire to be unchantable, I fear that money is too often the end of the cry for industrial education and not the means. My fear is supported by the results of industrial training. Do five per cent of the graduates from industrial schools engage in industrial pursuits? The teaching of washing and ironing, cooking, carpentry, etc., in our industrial schools does not begin to comprehend the idea of his higher industrial education. There are hundreds of better farmers in

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THE CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

Fire-side Stories, Riddles, Puzzles and Anecdotes for the Bright Boys and Girls of the Race.

By their Uncle B. Square.

[NOTE—All answers to riddles and puzzles, of questions of any kind about things in this column, should be sent to Augustus M. Hodges 86 Hull street, Brooklyn, N. Y.]

"UNCLE B.'S" WEEKLY TALK.

CHAPTER V.

HOW "BED BUG ROW" WAS BURNED.

Now girls, "Bed Bug Row" is not a very nice or fashionable name for a row of houses in a great city like New York, and I hardly think any of you would like to live in a row of houses with that name. Neither did Lula Green or Lena Sweizburg like to live in "Bed Bug Row." But cruel circumstances often make people do lots of things you would not do. Lulu Green and Lena Sweizburg's parents were very poor and had to live somewhere, and "Bed Bug Row," let me tell you was far better than living out of doors. It was on Amsterdam avenue, near 166th street, in New York City. The houses in the row were built of wood and were almost one hundred years old and looked as if they were one-thousand-and-one years old. The rooms were full of rats, mice, bed bugs and other things that we do not care to have in our rooms, but the worse "things" in the houses were some of the people. The most of the people who lived in "Bed Bug Row" were the lowest of the low of both colored and white. People who would steal, lie and sware and do many other wicked things. There were some respectable folks, however, living there, and Lula and Lena's folks were some of the few.

Lula Green was a little Afro-American or colored girl; Lena Sweizburg was a German-American or white girl. They were both 12 years old and both "little mothers;" they were also fine friends. Lula's father was dead and Lena's father was old and blind; Lula's mother worked down town in a laundry, while Lena's mother worked over in Jersey City in a hat factory. Lula had one brother and two little sisters, while Lena had five little brothers and a baby sister. So you see these two little mothers had nine children between them. The houses in "Bed Bug Row" were ten in number, but only two stories each, and the two little mothers lived in the third house in the row. Lula lived up stairs and Lena down stairs, but the most of the time they all lived down stairs in Lena's back room. There was always a fight in the row and the neighbors often wished that it was burned or torn down; but the owner would not burn it down because the law would not allow him to do so, and he would not tear it down because he was making lots of money out of it. One day Lena's father went out with a friend to a German picnic and Lulu brought her family down stairs. The little mother's went out to buy the dinner for their children. Little Fritz Sweizburg played with some matches and set the house on fire. The old, dry house burned like paper. The two little mothers got back in time to save their children, but "bed-bug row" was doomed. Before the fire engines could get there it was all burned up, some of the bad people came near being burned up too. Some kind friend found a new home for the Green and Sweizburg families, and they are to-day living in the same house. Mrs. Green and Mrs. Sweizburg both have home work now and the two little mothers go to the same school and are in the same class. Everybody is glad that "Bed-Bug Row" is burned down. So am I, because the burning of that row was the cause of getting two good little mothers nice homes. So ends our story girls.

"Hickory Nuts."

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No. 20 MAGIC GARDEN.

Plant your weeks pay and what will spring up?

N. 21 Plant a little bird and what will grow up?

No. 22 Plant a fashionable dinner and what will grow up?

CONUNDRUM.

No. 23 When you went to take Thanksgiving dinner with your grandpapa and grandmamma what kind of a boat did you travel on?

No. 24 GEOGRAPHICAL ACROSTIC.

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OUR POST-OFFICE.

Here are four letters all the way from California:

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Nov. 19, 1895.

Dear Uncle B. Square:—I have been going to school two years and I am in the fourth grade and I am ten years old. My teacher says that I am one of the best scholars in my room. My mother's name is Mrs. F. McDowell and my father's name is Robert; my name is Oscie. We have been taking The Freeman every since July, but overlooked the paper, and that is why I am a late. OSCIE MCDOWELL.

806 East Eighteenth street.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Nov. 19, 1895.

Dear Uncle B. Square:—I am eleven years old and I have been going to school two years, and I am in the B 4 in school. My mother's name is Francis and my father's name is R. McDowell. We have been taking The Freeman. My name is Gussie McDowell. The number of my house is 806 E. Eighteenth street.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Nov. 19, 1895.

Dear Uncle Square:—I am a girl thirteen years of age, will be fourteen Dec. 18, '95. I have dark brown eyes and dark brown hair. I have been going to school seven years. My mother's name is Francis and my father's name Robert McDowell. We have been taking The Freeman since last July, but overlooked the paper and that is why I am so late in writing, for which I am very sorry. Your present will be kindly accepted. I wish you a Merry Christmas. Your friend, EMMA MCDOWELL,

807 East Eighteenth street.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Nov. 19, 1895.

Dear Uncle B. Square:—My father's name is R. McDowell and my mother's name is Francis, and I live on East Eighteenth street. I have been going to school one year. I am eight years old. My letter is late; I did not get my paper till after the 1st. OFEE MCDOWELL.

ANSWERS TO "HICKORY NUTS" OF NOV. 30TH.

No. 11 The letter M.

No. 12 Globe: lobe.

No. 13 Lode: ode.

No. 14 Whiskey.

No. 15 A whiffletree.

Visitors Return.

Turner's P. O. Ala., Special.

Miss W. A. Wilson has returned from Talladega where she went to attend the annual conference of the A. M. E. church. She says that the precedings of the conference were very interesting and instructive. Mrs. Alice Hall has returned from visiting relatives in Calhoun county. Rev. A. G. Walker of Sedon, Ala., preached at Union Springs Baptist church Sunday night. W. P. Wood is now teaching the public school at Union Springs Baptist church D. M. McClellan of Talladega, Ala., is teaching at the public school at Turner's Ala. Mrs. Harriet Middlebrooks, the wife of Chas. Middlebrooks of Talladega, Ala., died at her mother's residence on the 19th. She leaves a host of relatives and friends. The remains were interred in the Grocer's Hill cemetery on the 20th.

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Camden School—Literary.

Camden, Ark., Special.

The Camden colored school literary society met at 2 p. m., and was called to order by the vice president, Pompie Johnson. Devotional exercises were conducted by the chaplain, Mary Daniels After which the following program was rendered: Song by the choir; declamation by Hattie Startland; declamation, by Perly Henderson; recitation, Nellie Miles; solo, Lula Cade; song by the choir; solo, Emma Simmons; quartet, Mary J. Randles; Perly Henderson, F. Brown and H. King; declamation, Ella Daily; recitation, Lilly Goodson; song by the choir; quartet, Mattie Startland, A. B. Hill, Indiana Johnson and F. Brown. After which Profs. C. T. Gordon, white, and Bufington from Magnolia, made a few remarks. Prof. Gordon has been our former county examiner, and is at present the superintendent of both the white and colored schools of this city. He is a man that is very kind to the colored people, and is willing to assist them in any good under taking. Camden has a good many colored merchants who are doing very good business. The following is a list of persons who are carrying a stock of goods. B. J. Jaggers, A. Kauffman, C. H. Randall and R. Daniels. These men are very energetic and deserve patronage by their color. Prof. Marion Harris was in the city this week, he looks well; will begin teaching at Waldo, Ark., next week. Rev. H. C. Beasly, the pastor of St. James A. M. E. church of this city, was sent back to his same work.

If you fail to receive the Christmas number of The Freeman, you will miss a rare treat.

A Financial "Tug"—Notes.

Knoxville, Tenn., Special.

Thanksgiving was observed in a becoming manner. Divine services were held in all the leading churches at 11 a. m. A Thanksgiving dinner was served at Mrs. Jones, Mabery street, from 1 to 3 p. m. for the Orphans Home. The Old Folks' Home was remembered by the friends. Some of the churches took up a collection for the orphans. The Cosmopolitan Hall was crowded Thursday night, the occasion being the literary entertainment given by the Toiling Band. The choirs of Logan Temple and Mt. Zion Baptist churches rendered most excellent music. Mrs E. McAlister charmed the audience with a sweet solo. Miss Meta Saunders and Miss Mary Mason never did better in their recitations. Miss Nannie Brewers' reading was good. A. C. Copeland was master of ceremonies, and Jacob Nelson as captain is trying to out toil Capt. C. J. Beason of the Hurrah Club. A financial "Tug of War" will take place Thursday night between the Hurrah Club and Toiling Band. A benefit was given at the Cosmopolitan Monday night for the Robinson family. who was burned out last week. Mrs. W. L. Williams, Mrs. Berry, B. Bruner and other members of the committee deserve our thanks for having managed the benefit so well and successfully. The funeral of Miss Ella, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Murrell was preached at Clinton Chapel Tuesday afternoon by the pastor. The young lady was highly respected. Mr. and Mrs. Murrell have our sympathy in their sad hour. Miss Lula E. Copeland has recovered. Oscar Bates is very sick, also Prof. James Leiper. B. H. Adams is in school again. The Young Men's Christian Association meets every Sunday at 4 p. m. in the Mission Hall, Asylum street. We would be pleased to see these meetings better attended. A great opportunity is held out to our young men and women at Knoxville College in the Medical Department. Chas. Austin and Miss Lula Burdine were married Saturday night. Prof. R. E. Toomey came in Saturday from Greenville all jubilant over a daughter.

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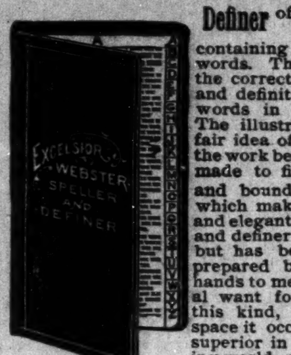
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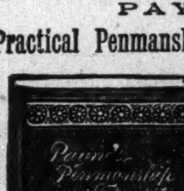

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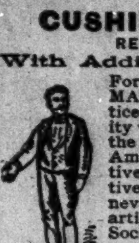

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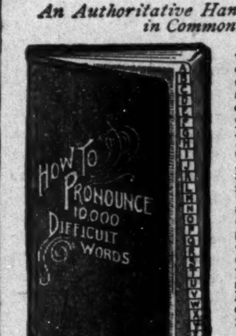
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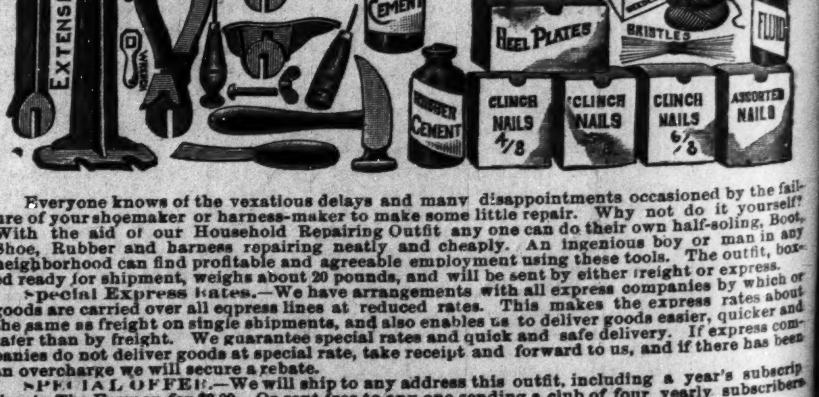

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CHAPTER XV.

BY THIS time Hardy was elated; he had found a freewoman worthy of his matrimonial steel "Say, Joe, she's a caulker; she's the finest educated woman I ever met or at least wrote to (as I've never met her.) She likes a bright, intelligent man. We must get her picture."

"I guess you are stuck on her Andy; I'm glad you're married."

"No, but you've got me into this thing against my will, and now I want to see the end of the chapter—that's all, old man, that's all."

Hardy's sleeping conscience aroused and told him he was doing wrong in writing the proxy letters. He knocked out his conscience in one round by saying:

"It's no funeral of mine; Clark's my tried and trusted friend; this woman I don't know; perhaps she don't write her letters, if she does she should be intelligent enough to know Clark is an ignorant, good natured ass, that is if he stayed at her house all night as he says; besides I'm not elected to look out for the welfare of foolish maidens, so you just shut up."

So the last barrier to the matrimonial plot was removed. Clark left the matter all to Hardy. Shortly afterwards he came very near sending her a semi-immoral French novel for which he paid a high price. He judged the book by its fine cover. Hardy chanced to meet him on his way to the postoffice and asked:

"What have you there, Joe?"

"A book that I'm going to send to Miss Wright."

"Let's see it!" demanded Hardy as he snatched the book ahd tore off the wrapper.

"Now let me tell you something for the last time too. You must leave all the book sending and letter writing part of this plot to me, Joe. Why that book is the fastest kind of a French novel; its a wonder the good New York people do not stop the sale of such a book."

"Why, I paid $2.75 for it—fine looking book for a parlor table."

"Yes, Joe, but we do not buy books for the covers. Once for all let me tell you that you are supposed to be dead in this act, so don't come upon the stage until the next act."

"When will that be Andy?"

"The next act in this play will commence when you go to Virginia again and meet Miss M. J. W. and she finds out that you have fooled her and had some one else to do your courting. Then I will not only supposed to be, but will be dead in that act."

"She'll not find it out until after I marry her; then I'll tell her all."

"Don't talk like a fool, Joe; there's only one way out of this. You must put your mind on it and learn to read and write; I know I can teach you."

"O I can't bother now. You know how hard your wife tried to learn me, but I couldn't get there and now—"

"But you must put your mind on it—make it a careful study like you would the mixing of a new drink. Its your only hope. You must not go to Virginia again for three years; you must get a three month's vacation next summer and come up to B—— to my house and devote the whole three months in trying to learn to read and write a hand just like mine. I know I can teach you if you will only drop the cases of business, pleasure, home, friends, foes—drop everything and lock yourself up in a room with me for two or three months."

"Well Andy, its a a go—I'll get off next summer and drop everything and run up to your house, get my mind on my book and learn how to read and write; its the proper thing, then I can write my own letters."

"No, you will not be able to do that. It will take three years for you to learn how to write a free hand letter and you'll never be able to write like me in style."

"You are stuck on yourself, Andy."

"No, but truth is truth, Joe. I write with a gift that only one person in three thousand possess. Some men have the gift of gab while others write with a gift."

"Has Miss Wright a gift, Andy?"

"Yes, she has."

"Then you and her are matched, old boy; yes, matched, but not mated, and by the way we must write in our next for her picture; I'm over anxious to see it; I seem to know her now."

"Guess you are kinder stuck on her now, Andy."

"I always take off my hat, so to speak to a gifted writer, man or woman, because they are in my class, that's all."

Let us devote a few lines to Miss Wright. She was as Hardy stated, a gifted penwoman and at once detected in the Hardy-Clark letters a bright mind, and associating the letters with the story Clark told her about his visit to Europe she supposed that she was corresponding with a peer. Prudent, womanlike she took care to find out as she thought, all about him at his home, and learned that he owned the Clark homestead and had a paying position in New York state. She then asked her heart if it could learn to love him and received the answer that it could. After this conclusion had been reached she wrote a letter once a week and received two Hardy-Clark letters for every one she wrote. These letters were not love letters, but very warm tokens of manly friendship, each one nearer and nearer love. She was also the recipient of newspapers, books and novels without number, the selection of which caused her to believe that Clark was one of the few Afro-American literary lights. Thus passed the months of October and November, and the greater part of December, when upon the morn of Christmas Hardy wrote the first real love letter. It read:

"HOWARD HOUSE,
"P—— N. Y.,
"Dec. 25, 1891.

"MY DEAR MARTHA:—It is Christmas morning—a bright warm day—a day that causes the most sorrow-burdened heart to feel gay and all nature to rejoice, in keeping with the rest of nature and humanity. I rejoice in the fact that I am corresponding with the sweetest little lady in all Southland. I am happy to-day when my heart tells me that it truly loves her, and hope bids me be of good cheer that my love will be returned. How romantic was our meeting! How strange that after spending years abroad in foreign lands amid all classes of ladies, after spending years in this state, in or near the city of New York I never met a lady I loved until last summer. 'Twas not until then that I felt for the first time that deep emotion of which poets have sung. Your sweet letters have drawn me near to the heart I love, and this bright Christmas morning I openly declare my love. Martha, although we have only met twice, I love you as fondly and truly as ever man loved noble woman and I ask your love in return and beg that you will promise me in your answer to this letter to some day be my wife. Some day may I not call you my own? You have said that you believe in love at first sight; you have said that your admiration would grow into love I have tried to water the bud with the declaration of my undying affections for you and hope that the bud may soon bloom forth a full grown flower of womanly love. I ask no more. Say yes, that you have learned to love me; say yes, that you will some day be my bride and I will be the happiest man on earth. Would that my frail pen could describe the emotion which now fills my heart. I can only borrow the words of the poet:

'Love?—I will tell thee what it is to love!
It is to build with human thoughts a shrine,
When hope sits brooding like a beauteous dove;
Where all seems young, and life a thing divine,
All tastes, all pleasures, all desires combine
To consecrate this sanctuary of bliss
Around the streams their flowery margins kiss,
And if there's heaven on earth, that heaven
is surely this.'

"My dear Martha, such is the state in which I live, and the same will be doubled upon receiving the reply that you will enjoy the day and that it may be a Christmas long to be remembered by both, and that this missive may find you enjoying the great blessing of health, I am Your admirer,

"JOSEPH."

The close student of human nature will agree with us that a woman likes to be admired and loves to be loved, even those daughters of Eve known as flirts and heart breakers can be won by special attention or seemingly special love. It is therefore not surprising that Martha Wright's heart filled up with love for Clark after she read the proxy love letter, to which she replied as follows:

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"DEAR JOSEPH:—Before me lies a letter, the contents of which fills me with a pleasant feeling heretofore unknown. I have asked myself what is it that fills my heart and the answer comes back: 'It is love—true womanly love—not a mother's love, not a sister's love, but the greatest of all female loves a woman's first love for a manly man.' Your noble, manly letter would cause a far more stronger self-willed woman than I to love you, dear Joseph, and in your keeping I place my heart, my hand, my future, forever and forever. I have learned to love you through your bright well written manly letters. I worship at the shrine of knowledge; I love an educated, bright gifted person; I have had many day dreams of the future, but my fondest dream never pictured for me the love of an educated bright student or a future life time companion, the kind of man I now know you are.

"Dear Joseph, you have won my heart by your gifted pen; other girls have been won by the sweet tongue of their lovers. Yes, dear Joseph, I have learned to love you; my admiration has grown into love; but how strange has been our courtship! So far, it has been far more romantic than any novel from the gifted pen of a ready writer. We have met but twice—met as strangers, and parted as the same, still by the aid of your gifted pen we are to night lovers and prospective future companions for life. How strange the whole seems to me! Oh, how I wish you were here with me! How I would enjoy leaning upon your manly arm and hearing from your lips what I have heard from your pen, but I must close by saying since I cannot see you for some time to come, send me your picture so that I may enjoy the pleasure of looking at it until we meet again, and believe me to be, Yours,

"MARTHA."

From that date until May, Hardy wrote for Clark the sweetest kind of love letters and received the same kind of missives in return. He became to know Miss Wright and liked to correspond with her. Clark was as his friend said, "dead in this act." When ever he got a letter he sent word to Hardy who came down and read it, put it in his pocket, answered it on the spot, read the reply to Clark, (the reply being nine times out of ten Greek to Clark) and started home, Clark paying all expenses. Hardy and Martha discussed authors, novels, poems and up-to-date subjects and several times he wrote to her, as Clark was visiting B—— Conn., and received replies all of which Clark knew nothing. So far so good, which is the end of the chapter.

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Another Blow at the International Migration Society.

EDITOR FREEMAN.

A few weeks ago when I wrote an article to your valuable journal refuting some malicious charges made against the Southern Negro; it was not done to secure newspaper notoriety nor to enter into a controversy with anyone, but since Bishop H. M. Turner has seen fit to reply in your issue of the 16th inst. I will endeavor to show my respects to this big "I Am" before terminating. I have watched the course of noted divine for years and am thouroughly convinced that anything that he has ever done was not for the betterment or welfare of the race, but love for notoriety and his greater greed for gold. No better example of the truth of this can be formed than by his advocacy for the Negro to migrate to foreign countries and especially to Africa.

By doing such he has done more to again throw the yoke of bondage and oppression around the necks of the Negro than securing for them the unconditional freedom and manhood that he prates about in the article of the 16th inst. As I write the memory of those three or four hundred poor innocent, illiterate, unsuspecting colored people who heeding the preaching of Bishop Turner and advice of that notorious slick-tongued imigrant agent Peg leg Williams, were fooled into Mexico where they thought they could find this unlimited. unrestricted manhood that the Bishop talked to them about, but instead suffered more cruel and harsher treatment than that experienced during the cursed epoch of slavery that existed in this country. It will not be long before a wail will go up from those deluded people who were fooled by the hirelings of the International Migration Society through Bishop Turner and shipped from Savannah, Ga., in the early part of the year to Africa. Theirs will be equal as great a cry that came from their brethern who were in Mexico. The following taken from Public Opinion will show conclusively that slavery does exist in Liberia where Bishop Turner is so deserous of having all the people go:

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Every one no doubt have seen that painting of a young woman with both arms clinging to the cross. Had I the power of the old masters I would paint that same picture not with both arms clinging to the cross, bnt one would be extended, lifting up out of bondage those poor deluded persons who were sent there again by listening to and heeding the preachings of Bishop H. M. Turner

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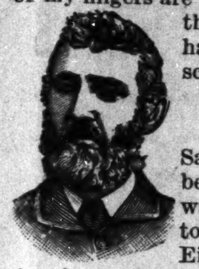

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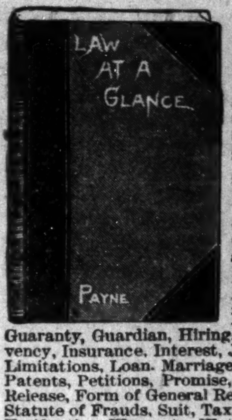

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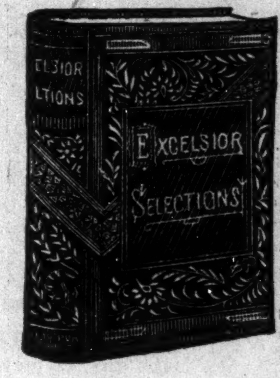

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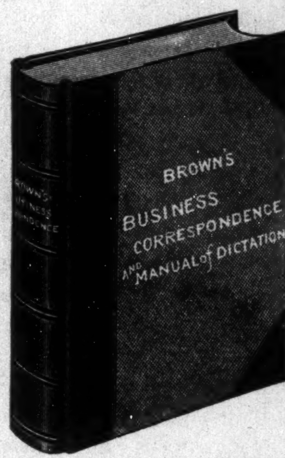

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THE LYNCHED NEGRO.

"THE petition which will be sent to Congress by the colored citizens of Boston will be entitled to attention. It will set forth that the crime of lynching is increasing in the South; that American citizens are not only being hanged and shot to death by mobs, but that some are burned to death. The petition will ask that if the power does not exist in the Federall authorities to interpose in defense of the supreme law of the land that the Constitution be amended, to the end that the law may prevail This is a very proper petition and should receive the serious attention of Congress. Lynching is no longer a blot upon the South but upon the whole Federal government."—New York Advertiser.

Many Negro citizens of this country have no conception of the enormous offense mob law is. It appears that the (white) press must speak before the Negro realizes the magnitude of the situation. There is, on the part of many Negroes, an apathetic feeling truly alarming, auguring no good for the future race. Indeed the young Northern Negro does not see much to hope for if he must know that contempt and contumely awaits him. In defiance of public sentiment, philanthropical governors, or praying conventions the assassination of the race's character goes on. Everyone of the race is likewise contaminated, and he must, perforce, be his brothers keeper or suffer social and political extirpation. A Negro lynched makes disfranchisements easy in South Carolina or Mississippi. A Negro lynched and burned in Tennessee blazes the way for a more liberal display of hellishness in Texas.

A Negro lynched creates "jim-crow" cars and its concomitants evils. Sentiment against the root and branch of the iniquitous institution must be created at home, not in Europe nor Eutopia. Very often the victimized race decries the crusade against the institution. It is not in consonance with written or unwritten laws to hold a people in esteem that do not put the proper make of appreciation on themselves; suffering themselves to be ruthlessly booted and spurred without turning over. God, it is said, only help those who help themselves. Disfranchisement will grow infectious if the courts of the land can not protect the Negro. Some plan of self interest must speedily be matured, or the hand writing will appear on the wall.

Petitioning Congress for Federal intervention may produce far reaching consequences but the consequences of supine neglect is quite as far reaching. It is a step towards preservation at least, and should be encouraged.

MISQUOTED.

EDITOR FREEMAN.

SIR:—In an editorial comment on Sherman's book in your iss e of December 7th you unwittingly did me and the "young Negroes" who were delegates to the famous convention of 1888 a great injustice by misquoting one of my statements relative to me. Sherman's charge "that poor Negroes were tempted to violate the instructions of their constituents."

Yuo quoted me as stating "that the younger Negroes who were for Alger held aloof, hoping for the all-persuading influence of the Sherman management." I made no such unjust statement and wish you will favor me by correcting the same. What I did say was this: "I am quite sure that neither Senator Sherman or Mr. Green B. Raum, who was the head and foot of his boom among Afro-Americans and counted on to hold them solid, can point to a single Afro-American delegate who voted for Alger, who was instructed to vote for Sherman. On the other hand, however, I could cite him to many delegates in that convention who, on second choice, were for Alger but were held for Sherman only by the cry of "boodle."

ROBT. J. PELHAM, JR.,

Detroit, Mich.

PELHAM.

Elsewhere in this edition is a letter from Pelham claiming a misquotation on the part of THE FREEMAN in an editorial of the last issue.

Pelham not only denies that the "poor Negroes" were purchased, but holds that the younger Negroes who were for Alger held aloof, hoping for the "all-persuading influence" of the Sherman management.

The above is the portion referred to. "Young" seems to be the objectionable word. In the correction he says he said: "I could cite him to many delegates in the convention who on second choice were for Alger, but were held for Sherman only by the cry of boodle." The Freeman gives Mr. Pelham the benefit of one word—young. It cannot be seen where the advantage is. THE FREEMAN editorial is a faithful interpretation and no quotation. To eliminate "young" and to substitute "old" or "all" does not disturb the main assertion. "Influence and boodle" are convertible terms and are used synonymously in political parlance.

THE POLICE BUDGET, the leading illustrated police journal of England, sends us a copy of its last issue. The front page is one whole illustration of that brutal scene recently enacted in Tyler, Texas. The typical Southerner is depicted feeding the flames with a fiendish delight. The Negro stands tied to a stake with eyes aglare with countenance of despair incarnate. These words follow: "Up-to-date civilization in America. Brother Jonathan holds his hands up in horror that two men should meet in a manly and scientific boxing match, but says nothing when a poor, black man, without trial, is staked and burnt to death before thousands of so-called christians."

INCORPORATED in a set of resolutions adopted by an anti-lynching convention in London, England, is the following:

"While uniting with the friends of humanity in the United States in indignant protest against atrocities in Eastern countries, they fear that such protests are greatly weakened by the participation of persons of their own race in burnings, shootings, hangings, mutilations, flayings and draging by the neck on the ground until choked to death by the dust of street, which are characteristics of torture practiced in America upon persons innocent or guilty, without trial, or after due sentence has been pronounced by court of law."

Friends of the Negro will grow cold towards him if he, himself, participates in the very things prayed against.

THE silver views of Edwin Hackley have been attacked by THE FREEMAN. There are few colored editors, if any, that are as well posted on finance as Hackley. The debate will be too one-sided to be interesting, as Hackley will simply annihilate THE FREEMAN."—Leavenworth Herald.

In this swift conclusion THE FREEMAN suspects that The Herald is drawing upon its prejudices, which, doubtless, usurp the normal functions of its thinking faculties.

TILLMAN and Evans were unmercifully scored by the Atlanta Exposition exhibitors. The South will rule the country says the intemperate Evans. Tillman was satiated with past successes and contrary to expectations took this occasion to air his importance, but he reckoned without his host. They deserve the rebuke

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PROF. B. T. WASHINGTON was a guest of the School-Master's club, of Boston, November 15th. In the interest of his labor he was presented a purse of money by President Page. Mr. Washington acknowledged the same in a characteristic speech.

IN MEMORIAM.

BY HELEN MAY, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

[These lines are dedicated to Mrs. Milly Heston and her aged mother, who died within a few hours of one another:]

Ah! Boatman, are you waiting
To waft me o'er the tide;
I was sure I would find you here
When I left my loved ones' side.
They begged me not to venture,
They plead with me to stay,
But my pilgrimage had ended,
And I must be off to-day.

But, Boatman, may I ask you before
I take your golden bark,
If you will wait a little longer
For another who soon will start?
But nay, each faithful pilgrim
Must cross the Jordan here,
And wait for their loved ones
Along the pearly pier.

How high the waves are tossing!
What light is this I see!
O! 'Tis the light of heaven,
The gates ajar for me.
Now, the golden bark is landing,
Through a crystal stream we pass.
I hear the pilgrims singing
Safe home at last.

See another boat landing almost
As soon as we,
And the aged pilgrim waving her
Golden wand to me;
Mother, dearest mother, I knew
You would be here,
And I waited to lead you
From the landing pier.

Up through the gates of heaven
Together we will glide,
See mother, see, see,
They're open wide;
Give me your hand, dear mother,
Let us hasten there.

Ah! see how beautiful, mother,
Hear the heavenly choir.
They are singing, glory, glory to
The Lamb for sin was slain,
That pilgrims who were faithful,
Might live with him again.

"Nary word have I to say on the lynching industry —Grover Cleveland.

THE Holiday edition of THE FREEMAN should be seen by every Afro-American.

THE FREEMAN Waller-Fund is moving off. Send subscriptions to THE FREEMAN.

The Progress has increased its reading matter by a number of columns. It speaks well for the "progress."

BENJAMIN HARRISON is alright on the lynching question. His position is certain. Such can not be said of Grover Cleveland.

MR. CLEVELAND thinks that his activity in trying to relieve the Negro emigrants who went to Mexico is an offset to his inactivity in the Waller case.

IT is very evident that England considers the Americans as "jingoites" altogether. She feels that the twisting of the lions tail is a diversion for political effect.

THE Colored Men's Protective Association is on in Detroit, Mich. In view of the many disturbing issues in which the race is interested, it is hoped that much good may follow.

JUDGE CAMPBELL, of Mississippi, says that all laws against carrying arms should be repealed. Violent assaults and burglaries would diminish he insists.

THE FISK HERALD, a newsy pamphlet of eighteen pages, comes to us this week. The colors of the university, old gold and blue, have a conspicuous place on the cover.

WE acknowledge the receipt of the Harrisburg Sentinel-Gazette, a new, bright sheet with a promising future. "Principles not Men," is its motto. W. J. Bailor editor and publisher, Harrisburg, Pa.

The Waller case should be pressed in Congress. Do not let it be forgotten. The Indianapolis Freeman has started a fund for Waller, intended as a mark of appreciation as well as for financial assistance. Contribute to it.

THE Hon. John R. Lynch has been admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Mississippi after a rigorous examination of three days. It is said that Mr. Lynch favors McKinley for President.

THE Pythian Lance of Chicago, Ill., is a new lodge journal published in the interest of that order. Jesse Ringgold of Indianapolis will represent it in this city, It chances of success are flattering.

FAR away Newport, R. I., with her mayor as a participator, had an anti-lynching demonstration. A series of resolutions were introduced and passed condeming the institutions in the severest terms. It was voted to send a copy to the governor of Texas.

WE respectfully invite the colored papers to mention our Waller fund. We take cognizance of the New York Press fund, but THE FREEMAN, a Negro journal, thinks that Negroes can also manage a fund. The more, the merrier

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"JOHN L. WALLER is suffering in a French prison—Mrs. Waller is destitute. He has the sympathy of a fair-minded people—but its not sympathy he needs—money would go further."—The Baptist Observer, Chicago, Ill.

THE FREEMAN has started a relief fund for Waller. It hopes your assistance.

THE Hon. John R. Lynch is about to assail the understanding clause in the Mississippi constitution. It is urged that owing to its lattitude it serves the purpose of those who framed it only. It is thought to be a violation of the spirit of the Federal constitution.

At a meeting in Boston, December 1st, in the interest of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, at which Gov. Frederic T. Greenhalge and Booker T. Washington were the chief speakers. A donation of over $3,000 was secured for the Tuskegee school.

GOV. BRADLEY of Kentucky in his inaugural address says:

"Mob violence, which has its home in the breasts of cowards, should be prevented at all hazards and if committed should be properly and severely punished. Such action is an open declaration of the want of confidence in the courts, and, instead of promoting, does serious injury to the welfare of the State. The commission of crime to punish crime can find no apologist in a Christian civilization."

These words have a certain sound.

Personal and General News.

Tuscumbia, Ala., Special.

Ammon Ricks of Chicago, was mingling with his many friends here last week. J. C. Currethers killed two hogs that weighed over three hundred and fifty pounds each. The I. O. I. and Queen Esther Court are to give a grand entertainment Dec. 26th. The Masons are preparing to reorganize here. Jerr W. James bought a house and lot recently Mr James is one of the most progressive young men of our town. Boys why not all of you buy a nice home. Little Miss Minnie Austin six years old is one of the sweetest little singer and speaker in town. D. Smith was married to Mrs. Green Meredith last Wednesday night. Rev. T. J. Moppins, the new pastor at the C. M. E. church, arrived and preached his first sermon last Sunday. He is an able young man and will doubtless do a good work here. Rev. H. P. Patton was removed to Blockton for another year. He has our best wishes for his success. There is no doubt that Elder Patton is a very able preacher. The young ladies are preparing for an interesting outing Christmas. Liberty Bell Club will kindly furnish a miscellaneous program for the Tennysonian Literary Society next Friday night. We want every family in Tuscumbia to have a copy of The Freeman December 21st. It will be the holiday issue.

Memorial Services.

Little Rock, Ark., Special.

Thanksgiving was observed in all the churches, some of them gave entertainments. The old ladies of the Home were remembered. Elder Robinson's sermon to the young men was an able production, his text was. "My Son Absalom at Bethel." Elder Connor preached his first sermon as pastor, his text was, "I Determined not to Know Anything Among you, Save Christ." Our schools are doing very well, with one exception. There are too many pupils for the number of teachers. The Compact Mason's held a grand session last week. Mrs. R. C. Childress has opened a private school at 12th and Izard streets. Memorial services were held at Philander Smith College, in memory of the late Mrs. Aderline Smith, the founder of the colored female home. J. A. Davis, the carpenter is putting the finishing touch on a cottage for G. E. Jones. The three lodges of F and A. M. are preparing to cellebrate St. John's day the 27th. Elder Y. B. Simis is making his usual rounds looking after the sick. Miss Susan Pattils was elected assistant principal at Shorter University. Leave orders for The Freeman at Jones and Coffin's drug store.

Peoria News.

Peoria, Ill., Special.

Last Friday evening the Consuela club gave a grand party at the residence of Mrs. W. Summers. A literary program was rendered and the evening was spent in games and music. Elder J. Chavis arrived from Quincy, Ill, on Wednesday to take his position as pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist church. A grand concert was given Thursday evening by the choir of the A. M. E. church. Rev. J. N. Macracken and family left Wednesday for Chicago, where they will make their future home. Miss Jennie Cheek returned home this week after a pleasant visit in Chicago. Mrs. R. Ashford and little Warren Rollin are on the sick list. Elder J. Woods attended the funeral of Bishop Wayman. Miss Cedonia Thomas, after spending several months with us, will reture to her home in New Brunswick, N. J., in a few weeks. Baker DePugh has resigned his position at Shipper & Blocks. H. Wilson has been added to our list of subscribers.

BISHOP WAYMAN'S FUNERAL

THE LAST SAD RITES HELD OVER THE SENIOR BISHOP

Of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, held at Baltimore, Md. —Bishops Turner, Handy and Arnett, Officiating.

BY REV. T. W. HENDERSON, D. D.

I never felt more deeply touched in my life than I did when the telegram announcing the sudden death of the great Bishop Wayman was placed in my hands. I was standing in my pulpit, the bodies of mother Arnett and her daughter, sister Millie Heston, were lying in front of the altar rail, and I was just in the act of preaching the funeral sermon over the mother and daughter, the one 84 and the other 63 years of age, when the sad telegram was handed me. My heart sank within me, and I could only say, "The Lord's will be done." The dispatch was a personal one, from Mrs. Wayman, requesting my presence at the funeral of the departed husband. I could not find it in my heart to answer her, no. So I hurried to the grave yard with my two corpse, saw them laid away to rest, then made my way to the union station and boarded the train for Baltimore. The train was an hour late in starting, and kept losing time all night. It was cold, and as the cars were intended to be heated by steam, and as the engineer found it almost impossible to keep up steam in his engine, the passengers had a most uncomfortable night of it. I arrived in Baltimore three hours late. I made my way to the saddened home of the late Bishop and was touchingly greeted by the almost heart-broken widow. She said she was so glad I had come to her, for before the arrival of Bishop Arnett and myself, that she fel utterly friendless. Some one in authority had almost crushed the poor woman by remarks concerning the funeral arrangements and she longed for some one to come to her relief. Bishop Arnett and I both assured her that everything should be just as she desired, and she seemed to feel much better.

It was arranged to take the body to Bethel church at 7 o'clock Wednesday morning and allow the people to pass through and view the remains until 12. By the time the first rays of sunlight glided into the windows of the church, great crowds began to assemble outside, and a ceaseless stream of men, women and children, white and colored, poured through the church until the funeral hour, and when the doors were closed to prepare for the funeral, thousands of anxious ones were disappointed that they could not be permitted to see the much loved face.

I have never seen such a crowd of anxious people. It seemed that everybody in Baltimore both knew and loved the Bishop. Ex-Mayor Latrobe, of Baltimore, one of the wealthiest and noblest citizens, was among the first to go to the widow's home to offer his condolence. After writing her a most touching letter, he, with the present Mayor, of the gre t city of Baltimore, forced their way through the great crowd in front of the church, and with the assistance of thirty policemen, managed, after hard word, to get into the church, where they took seats and joined the rest of us in mourning at the loss of our great leader.

The service was presided over by the Bishop of the Baltimore District, Bishop W. J. Gaines, of Georgia. The first hymn was announced by the pastor of the church, Dr. Becket; the second one by the writer. Bishop Turner read the 90th Psalm, and Elder Schurman offered a most feeling prayer. Bishop Turner, the now Senior Bishop, made the first address, and was followed by Bishops Handy and Arnett, and Dr. Lanahan, of the M. E. church. All paid fine tributes to the memory of the deceased.

In the procession to the cemetery, forty hired carriages were in line besides the private conveyances. It was a solemn moment with me when I saw the remains of my Bishop and my friend lowered in the cold grave, and knew I should never see him again till the resurrection morn.

In the death of Bishop Wayman the world has lost a great man, the church the best of her old line of Bishops, Methodism the oldest living Bishop, Mrs. Wayman a most devoted husband, the race one of its greatest leaders, and I have lost my best friend.

I must add a word here that may cause comment, and hurt somebody's feelings, but I can't help it. I did not like the arrangement of participants in the funeral, and I don't like it yet. When the authorities met to arrange for the funeral nobody but Bishops were given a place for a word. I protested, and one big feeling fellow, not a Bishop, but an Elder, said he thought I ought to be glad to get to read a hymn. I told him I was not glad and cared nothing about reading a hymn or any other part of the service, but that Dr. J. M. Townsend, Rev. G. W. Gaines and myself were directly from Bishop Wayman's district, and that the last conference he ever presided over was recently held in my church, and that I thought that at least one man from his work should be allowed a minute or two to represent his district, but they would allow no one but Bishops to say a word. Not even a General officer was allowed to open his mouth. Dr. C. S. Smith, the Secretary of the Sunday School Union, over which Bishop Wayman presided, came all the way from Texas, but he had not a minute given him to open his mouth. Dr. C. T. Shaffer, secretary of the Church Extension Society, was there, but not a word could he get to say. Delegations of Elders from several different conferences were present, but not one of them could open his mouth. They may all keep still if they like, but for one, I didn't like it, and don't like it yet. When my Bishop dies, I want the privilege of dropping at least a word over his mortal remains before they are hidden from my sight forever.

Bishop Arnett has been appointed to take charge of the Indiana and Illinois conferences, and Bishop Handy to that of Illinois.

"Servant of God, well done!
Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle fought, the vict'ry won,
Enter thy Master's joy."

Submits His Resignation.

PINE BLUFF, ARK., Nov. 25, '95.

To Hon. J. T. Warren, secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Hot Springs College and members of the Trustee board:

I am aware of the friendly relation that existed between your board and myself during the two years that I served your flourishing institution, "The Hot Springs College," as president of the faculty and president of the trustee board. In view of the fact that I have been transferred from the West Arkansas conference and stationed at Bethel A. M. E. church, Little Rock, Ark., and knowing as I do that the president of that school is required to be a resident of the city of Hot Springs, and recognizing the fact that it will be impossible for me to be present with you, I hereby send to your board my resignation as president of the Hot Springs College, and Professor of Languages in said institution.

I respectfully recommend as my successor Rev. Thos. H. Jackson, D. D., formerly of Little Rock, Ark., but now of Hot Springs, Ark., as pastor of Visitors' Chapel. Dr. Jackson's scholarly ability is too well known, along with his high christian character, to need any recommendation at my hand.

Respectfully,
J. M. CONNER.

Church News—Notes.

Marianna, Ark., Special.

H. C. Dallas made a trip to Helena the 8th. Miss Annie Powell will entertain on the 18th with a grand supper at the colored Masonic hall. The Nashville Colored Comedy Co. was here on the 13th. Hon. M. A Clark who has been out of the city for several days will return this week. The members of the A. M. E. church are doing good work. Rev. J. W. Sutton, the pastor, delivered an eloquent sermon and received Mrs. J. D. Crochron into the church last Sunday. The Freeman is just what what we need—just the paper for the race, and can be found at the Afro-American news stand north of the bank over the barber shop. Thursday the 5th there was a supper given by the K. H. R. E. Bryant has returned from the Atlanta Exposition. Mrs. Nettie Roberson keeps a lunch, fruit and confectionery stand at the old depot. Rev. H. Walton returned last week after an absence of several years. M. Stubblefield was in the city the 8th. Rev. Wm. Otey, of Walnut Grove church, and congregation are doing good work and are preparing the church for the convention. The Second Baptist church is raising money to pay off the indebtedness of the church next month. Mrs. Annie Mitchell, the organizer of the Missionary Society, arrived here from Wynne and will remain a short time. Rev. W. D. Huggent went to La Grange on the 7th. I. Morris the Indian doctor will remain here for some time. Chas. Johnson of Moso was in town on the 7th. Will Mason was employed to manage a wood yard for H. B. Bennett last week. Dan Harris has a good delivery.

Series of Meetings.

Cobden, Ill., Special.

Elder E. M Harlis of Jacksonville, Ill., began a series of meetings on the 19th inst., in the Christian church. The meetings are still progressing and there is a great deal of interest manifested. Prof. C. A. Blankenship and the children of the public school had an appropriate Thanksgiving exercise at the Christian church. The following children made addresses: James Burton, Freddie Peacher, Harrison Jones, Gracie Smith, Gracie Jones, Harry and Lewis Smith, Helen Burton, Chas. Glassper, and Hill Glassper. The following gentlemen not connected with the school made excellent talks: Henry Harper, C. L. Kirkpatrick, Darby Mayfield. The community at large feels encouraged over the exercises.

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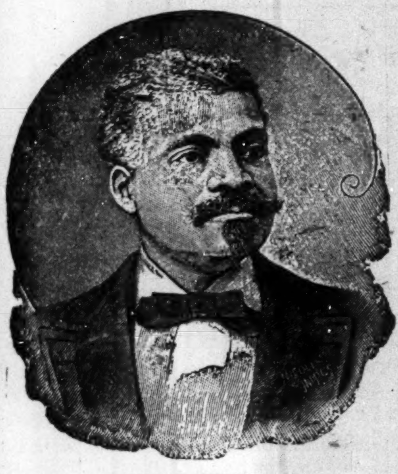
CHAPTER XLI.

Mr. Cooper had not been long off the paper when Ralph St. Julius Perry made a contract with him for thirty letters at $5.00 each, containing sketches of his experiences of "Travels n Guinea Land." At the time I had objected to this and said I would not accept the contract because I did not want the letters. I told Mr. Cooper not to make the contract, but regardless of my wishes in the matter, he went ahead and made the contract, and as one of the conditions the letters were to be copyrighted. Mr. Perry instructed his lawyer to bring suit for $150 which I refused to pay. I counseled with my lawyer and the lawyer said he thought from the contract they had the best of me. I then said that if he thought that we must look around and find the easiest way out, as the easiest way out is always the best way. He told me to offer a compromise. I told him that in order to keep out of a law suit, I was willing to compromise on half the amount—$75. He went to see them and they at once rejected the compromise and informed my lawyer that they intended to collect the full amount—$150. They tendered us the letters and we refused them. An idea presented itself to me that they had not the letters copyrighted. I telegraphed to Hon. John R. Lynch of the treasury department, asking him if he would not go over to the patent rights office and find out if there were any letters there copyrighted from sketches of "R. St. Julius' Travels in Guinea Land." Receiving no reply, I telegraphed the Hon. Dan Ransdall, marshall of the District of Columbia. My lawyer told me that if the letters had not been copyrighted we would have the best of the case. I got an answer that there was nothing there—he had investigated the records thoroughly and found no "Letters of Travels in Guinea Land by R. St. Julian Perry," copyrighted, so we let the matter go in court. The court held the contract was not valid. Mr. Van Buren, Mr. Perry's lawyer, said he would bring it up before another term. It came before Judge Walker who held that since they had not carried out their part of the agreement, we could not carry out our part of the contract, and that they had forfeited all right to the money. The costs of the suit all came to about $200, so I felt we had made a successful battle. This is but one of the obstacles we had to encounter. The case was in court from '92 to '94, at which time it was decided. In the meantime we had moved our office.



GEO. L. KNOX.

In '93 my editor had some trouble and it placed me in a somewhat awkward position for the time being. Mr. Allen was then manager. When the storms and tempests were raging, I had hoped that he would stand by me and The Freeman. One evening about 7 o'clock he came into the shop. I saw from his countenance that he had something to say and asked him what it was. He said nothing. I looked at him again and said that I knew he must have something to say, but he said that he had not. I had an engagement that evening to attend a banquet given for a sick man, dying of consumption, at which entertainment I was to make a speech. He walked out with me and said he was going in that direction. He then told me that he thought he would go over to Crawfordsville on Saturday night (this was on Friday night.) I asked if he would be back in time to look after the work on the paper. He said yes, he would be back but he did not intend to stay, but was going on to Washington, as he felt tired and needed a vacation, and he did not feel that $12 per week justified him in devoting his entire time to the paper. I said to him, "What do you mean, are you going to quit?" He answered that he meant he could not go on working for $12 a week. I told him that it was all right, that I would accept his resignation. This rather unnerved me for a moment, but I admonished myself inwardly not to allow these troubles to worry me, but to stand up and be a man. I had only fifteen minutes in which to go three miles to make my speech. My subject that evening was, "How to put yourself in a position to obtain the good things of this life that God intended you o have." The house was packed when I got there and everybody expressed themselves as believing that it was the greatest effort of my life.

The next morning I went to the office. Mr. Allen was there, and I informed him that I wished to talk with him in the private office. I said to him: "Last evening I accepted your resignation; I want you to prepare your books and turn them over." He said: "Oh, I did not mean that." I replied that I did mean it—if he was playing I was not, but meant what I said. I saw that he wished to take advantage of me, and whenever I see that anyone wishes to take advantage of me I am up in arms—my ambition and pride are aroused and I will not allow them to take such advantage if I can avoid it. I told him that I had accepted his resignation, and that I meant it. I then put in Mr. Julius Cox as manager.

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HIGHER EDUCATION NEEDED.

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the Black Belt of the Southern Sates than can be found in the professor's chair of any of our agricultural schools. There are hundreds o better masons, carpenters, cooks, etc all over the South than the teachers who give instruction in the branches in our schools. The parents of the students in these schools have done this work most skillfully for a hundred years We now need higher industrial education, work in electricity, work in glass, building all kinds of machinery, designs of every description, work in brass, gold, silver etc. The making of telescopes by Central Tennessee College was a step in the right way. Give us higher education all along the line.

REUBEN RAY.

Latest News.

Logansport, Ind., Special.

Rev. B. McDaniel is some better at this writing. Rev. T. C. Wilson of Marion was at his bedside last Friday. Mrs. Lee is no better. Frank Scott is very sick. John Black who has been sick two weeks is reported some better Little Blanchie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Winslow, was out Sunday after a three week's illness. Sunday was a very pleasant day at the A. M. E. church. Rev. J. C. Kauffman of the English Lutheran church preached at 7:45 p. m. to a large audience. It is reported that there was a wedding in town last week at Young's Chapel, the contracting parties being from Ft. Wayne. Names unknown. George Parker was in Kokomo last week.

Literary Society.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Special.

The students of Branch College have organized a literary society with the young people of the city at Barraque street Baptist church, one of the leading churches in the city, under the pastorialship of Rev. J. C. Battle. The leading members of this society are Chas. Bailey, president; W. S. Jones, vice president; Misses Sadie Battle, Bertha Webb, Pinkie Wheeler, Ella Bennett. The society meets every Friday night at 7:30. W. B. Brownlee and G. W. D. Biven, students of the B. N. C., left Monday to commence teaching at Wrightsville. C. S. Jones and A. W. Hill, members of the above named school, will soon leave for their home in Shreveport, La. A. W. Hill is a very bright young man. Miss Lucy Frost of Fordyce spent a few days in the city this week C. T. Rowland and Miss Mamie Gilliam were in the city last week.

WHAT JOHN M. HENDERSON

Has to Say Concerning the Origin of the Negro—As to Negro Journals.

It is time that our leading publications should pay more regard to the qualifications of those who contribute prominent articles. We have some periodicals which no longer need to purchase their existence by smirking and bending to ignorance. When we read the Review or any of the half dozen journals that are now run, more or less, on real journalistic principles, we expect to find articles which are reasonably sound in their teaching and that are based upon such facts as the scholarly world has accepted.

There was a time when the wild assertions indulged about the ethnic origin of the Negro could be forgiven, but in this day, remote by several decades from slavery, no man who presumes to stand forth as an authority can be excused for gross ignorance. That class of writers and speakers which gives itself to saying things that please the people regardless of their truth, has outlived its day. Reason and not sentiment, facts and not fancy, truth and not fiction are required. It is a fine thing to assert that the Egyptians were Negroes, but such an assertion is neither scientific nor true.

In the A. M. E Review for October, 1895, there is an article which rehearses the charming tales of other days and boldly identifies the Negro with the Cushite, Canaanite, Jebusite, etc. This error is based upon the prevailing fundamental error concerning the identity of the Negro with the Hamitic race. The Hamitic race is the oldest branch of the prehistoric Ruddy Race and was anciently represented by the Egyptians, Pelasgians, Etruscans and Guanches and at the present time includes among its living divisions the Copts, Tripolitans, Tunisans, Moors, Algerians, Berbers, Tauregs and Imoshags. The Canaanites were a division of the Hebriac branch of the Semetic family and the Cushites were a division of the Arabic branch of the family.

The Negro is one of the four great divisions of the black races. The black races early formed too great divisions—the Eastern or Oceanic, and the Western or African division. The Negro is one of the two African division. That the matter may be put in such a shape as to permit full inquiry, the following classification of the black race is submitted: The Eastern division is subdivided into the Veddahs, Phillipine Islanders, Ainos and Black Fijians and the Australians, Papuans and Tasmanians. The African division is subdivided into the East Sudanese which includes the Darbanda nations, West Fertit tribes, Shari tribes, Fur nations, Darfur tribes, Kordofan tribes, Zandey, Sualaba tribes and White Nile nations. The Central Sudanese include the Adamawar, North Darfur tribes, Wady tribes, Sogan nations, Baghirmi tribes. The West Sudanese include the Ibos, Sonbray tribes, Fulah tribes, Mandingos, Woloff tribes, Guineans, Senegambrians, Siberians and Ewes. The Zulu Kaffir branch includes Kaffirs and Zulus. The Eastern group embraces the Matalese. The Central group includes Hottentots, Bushmen, and Bechnanas. The Western group is made up of the Camerons and Damaras.

The term Negro is applied to all the divisions of the Sudanese and Zulu-Kaffir branch. The other three of the four great divisions are the Australians, the Hottentots and the Papnans. It thus appears that when the term Negro is used in relation to the African ancestors of the black people of America and its descendants, it should be understood. Science has recognized the fact that many dark and black people brought here by the slave trader were not Negroes, and that those who were Negroes were not all of the Guinea tribes, but many were from higher tribes and many were either from other branches of the black races or were of the Hamitic branch of the Ruddy race, who are nearly black, and in the strange jumble of Central African races there is a strange mixture of blood.

While ethnology does much to shatter many pleasing delusions cherished in the past concerning the origin of the black American yet it makes compensation by pointing out very hopeful truths and thus indicating the rational basis of future endeavor. Let us hope that some day there may arise from among us a few who will have the money, leisure, and disposition together with the ability to make an original study of the ethnic origin and history of the Afro-American.

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CALL FOR A NATIONAL CONFERENCE.

You are cordially invited to attend a National Conference of colored men that will meet at Detroit, Mich., on the 12th of December, 1895, at 10 o'clock in the morning.

We, the undersigned, after mature deliberation and considerable amount of correspondence with a number of prominent men of our race in various parts of the United States, have arrived at the conclusion that the time has come when leading and active colored men should meet together and confer and and deliberate upon our present concondition, and upon principles and measures important to the welfare, progress and general improvement of the race. The National Republican Convention will be held at a time not far distant. We have important opportunities to improve and we need the services, the accumulated knowledge and information, the united character, combined wisdom and sound judgement of our leading men in this country at this proposed council, to the end that errors may be avoided.

We believe that our civil, political and intellectual advancement can be better promoted through the channels of organization and co-operation, and we are in favor and propose to organize a National Committee, for in a multitude of counsellors there is strength and safety, and less fear of mistake.

We had hoped that after the National Convention of colored men in Washington, 1873, we would have no further neccessity for colored conventions, that the legislation then before Congress and in charge of our friends Charles Sumner and Benjamin Butler, would work out the complete citizenship of the Negro and place him in possession of the means to protect himself in the exercise of his rights; that no further resistance would be made to his rise into manhood, and that as a producer he would be given an equal chance in the race of life. But here we are to-day thirty years from the event of Emancipation, and

(1) Millions of free men practically disfranchised; the Constitution of United States set at defiance; men sworn in as congressmen without a constitutional representation, sitting by fraud and enacting laws which we must call constitutional.

(2) Colored American citizens not allowed freedom of locomotion, the freedom of decent transportation; forced into "Jim Crow" cars; municipal co-operations granting license to private citizens to deny us accommodation in hotels, restaurants, barber shops, places of amusement, etc.

(3) The existence of mob and lynch law in disposing of colored men, and women arrested on suspicion of committing gross offenses. These are some of the reasons why a National Convention of colored men should be called and a consultation held on this terrible condition of the American Negro as a citizen and a man in this "free and enlightened civilization." The great agency, the Republican Party, which brought about his freedom and enacted laws for his protection as a citizen and a man, will soon be in National Convention assembled. Let us come together and formulate some proposition invoking the aid of this convention in the solution of the troubles which are now attracting the attention of our friends in Europe as well as in America.

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We, therefore, respectively invite you to be one of a National Conference, to be held at Detroit, Mich, on the 12th of December, 1895. Trusting you will give this your earnest reflection, and will as soon as possible notify us whether we can count upon your presence, we remain,

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The average colored American lacks race pride; he hates to see others of his race advance; he will not help a worthy Negro enterprize. If he is a man of wealth, he will not invest his money in a way that will help the colored people of his section; on the other hand, if the Negro above the average starts an enterprize, the average colored American will not lend it his aid, but will stand off and predict the down-fall of the venture. He will try to stand in the way of anything of which he can not be father or master. Is it not surprising, therefore, that we have made the progress along many of the progressive avenues of life that we have during the thirty years of our freedom? The facts just related are unpleasant truths, but truth is not always sweet to the palate, or musical to the ear.

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Last summer several literary persons of color, among whom I was one, concluded to form a company having for its object the publication of colored American novels and stories in cheap paper-cover book form; and as there are very, very, few Negro authors of real up-to-date romantic novels, or in fact any kind of high class fiction, we were anxious to encourage several colored people of a literary turn, who were standing upon the boundary line between plagiarism and high class fiction. I wrote to one of these literary colored persons, told him of our proposed enterprise (let me say between the lines that our first novels are in press) and asked his aid by his pen, also by taking some of the company's stock. After waiting over the usual time for the answer to business letters, I rightly concluded that as he was not the father of the movement, he was trying to kill it off in true Negro style by "the eloquence of silence," so I wrote him again, stating my conclusion. (I will not give his name, not that I fear a libel suit, but for the reason that I do not propose to give an "unknown quantity" a free advertisement.) Here is a part of his over-due reply: "Evidently you esteem the attempted organization a particular act of heroism. You refer so particularly to the fact that the literary Negro doesn't care to push along any move of which he is not the father. If I had ever so much an idea of joining a company, I should not join one of which you were the head."

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This man who refuses to invest a dollar (if he possesses one) in a company where it would make for him 25 or 50 per cent simply because I am are was supposed to be at the head of it, wants be classed as a progressive new school colored American. He has never met me and the only harm I ever did him was to praise the opening chapter of his novel (?) The only reason he dislikes me is because nature has given me what she refused to bestow upon him, to-wit: Full weight gray matter, and the ability to write high class fiction. Nature's action have made this budding Afro-American Dickens an unknown jealous foe.

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Two "Negro Democrats" in Brooklyn have just crawled back under the fence, and rushed into the g. o. p. camp. One is T. McCants Stewart, Esq., well known, the other old Norris Washington, unknown, except in the upper part of Brooklyn in the 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th wards. One is a silver tongued orator, a gentleman and good fellow; the other is a stammering tongued loafer, a bar-room ward heeler, and a-good-for-nothing fellow. They have been political bed fellows, so to speak; (been working for the same party, although perhaps they have never met), "old Norris Washington's" vote counted as much as T. McCant Stewart's; as much and no more. I want to ask, why so much space in the race papers has been given to the account, and comments upon the lawyer's return to the Republican camp? I hear some one say on account of his great political influence. Bosh! I don't believe that any "Negro Democrat" ever won a colored Republican vote by tongue or pen. The only Negro vote that they ever "influenced" was their own. I give them credit for fooling the white Democrats of the North. I must say to our "Negro Democratic" friends in the language of the mystical "Joseph Clark" in "Courtship by Proxy:" "Any time me or you is smart enough to beat a white man, North or South, out of money, we'er fools not to do it, for they've got all the dust, besides they are all on the make," or at least all of the big and little party leaders in both political camps.

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Educational Fair.

Hope, Ark., Special.

The educational fair convened three nights under the management of Mrs. M. Glover. Small program was rendered each night. The first nights program was rendered by Miss Lizzie McWell. Declamation by master Sam Nulion; mark trial by J. W. Welch and George Jefferson. Second night, essay by Miss Ella Reeves, subject the "Negro Race;" solo by Auther Holt; oration by W. M. Tellington; lecture by Prof. H. C. Yearger; solo, Author Holt; music, Mrs. Prof. Yearger; duet, Miss Flora Boone, Miss Lula Smith; recitation, Mrs. L. McWell; dialogue by three young girls; dialogue by Miss Marie and H. S Shaw. Miss Ella Reeves was given a reception at Mrs. L. McWell, who is always making it pleasant for visitors. Miss Ella has returned to Camden. Thomas C. Green has been appointed to the post office department, Washington, D. C. M. Thompson had his black smith shop on exhibition at the fair. Andy Mack is on the sick list. Prof. Bostrick also Miss Lutie Elliott are suffering with nauralsia. Rev. H. R. Scott preached at the A. M. E. church in the absence of the P. C. C. C. Pearson, a local preacher, preached at 11 o'clock a. m. Elliott and Lewis will have all kinds of Christmas toys. Rev. Reeves preached an able sermon Thanksgiving. Mrs. Smith has gone to Washington to her husband. Roffard McKinley is reported sick.

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The Philomathical Club.

Van Buren, Ark., Special.

The M. E church gave a Thanksgiving dinner and supper. Thanksgiving banquet of the Van Buren Philomathical club is a success and one of the best organizations in this part of the state. It is composed of the best young men and women of Van Buren. Thos. Turner, president and Miss Mary Givens secretary. The club met at the residence of Mrs. Richard Turner, called to order by the president at 7:30 p. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by Miss W. B. Coalman. The following program was rendered: Song by the club; opening address, Richard Turner; song dialogue, Misses Mary Givens, Lucy Clemons and A. E. Edwards; solo, Miss Hattie Westfield; declamation, W. H. S Turner; select reading, Miss Alice Clements; recitation, Miss Lulu Williams; closing address, H. P. Greenlie; song "The Banquet Table Beautiful Decorated;" closing song, "God be With us." Philomathians read The Freeman at each meeting.

Social Gleamings.

Fort Hauchuca, A. T. Special.

The paymaster paid off on the 23d inst., all the boys are happy. The Regular Army and Navy Union gave a grand ball Thanksgiving night. All of the companies gave dinners Thanksgiving day. Miss Lillian E. Lyman, who has been seriously ill during the week past is better. We wish her a speedy recovery. It is rumored that Miss Faine and Corp'l Estill will marry soon. Lieut. McMaster, our gallant Sunday-school and church leader, has gone to Willets Point, N. Y. We regret it. Mrs. Hardee is improving. W. H. Myers who has been at Hot Springs, Ark., for the last month for his health is expected home about the last of December. A birthday party was contemplated in honor of Miss Lyman, but owing to her illness it has been postponed.

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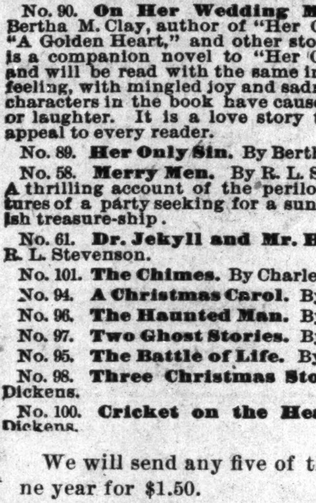

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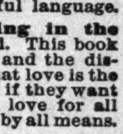

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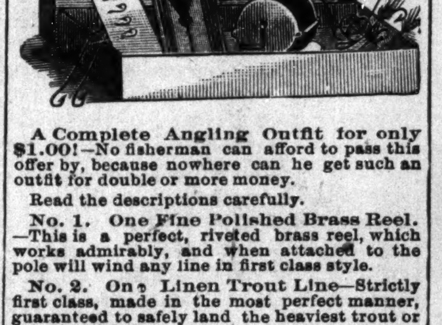

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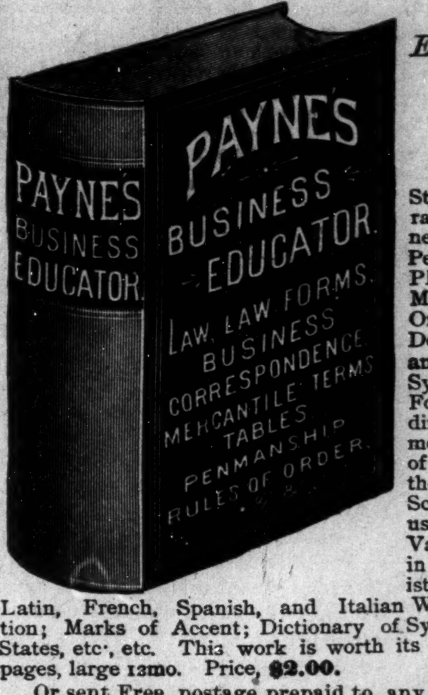

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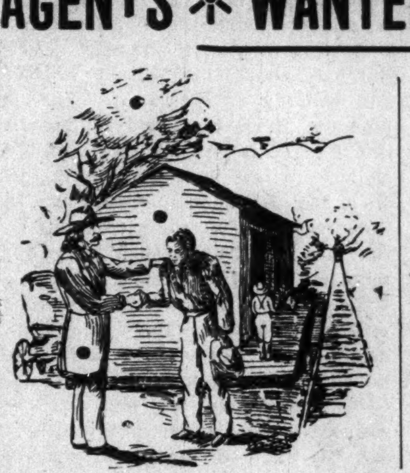

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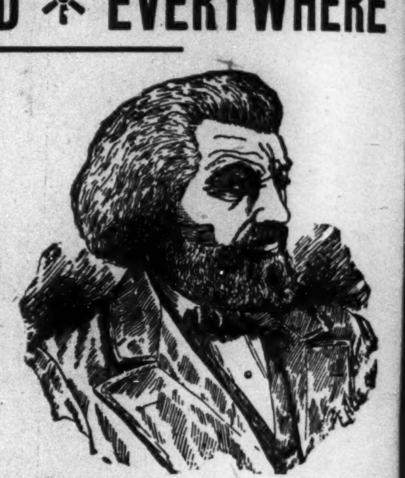

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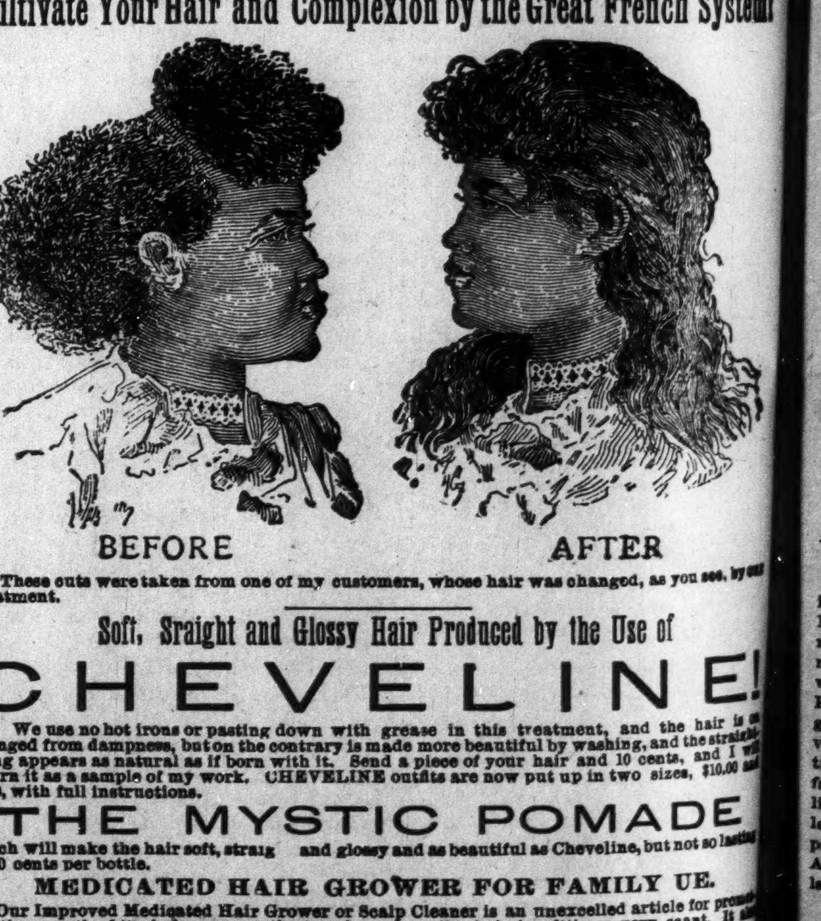

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  Soon made our crafts their course divide,
And on we drifted, each from each,
  Waft'd ever on by Scorn and Pride.
Thus in a heated state of mind
  We soon were on life's busy sea,
Our youth-day dream was far behind—
  'Twas not to be, 'twas not to be.

In after years again we met,
  From ancient Love new Hope was born,
And both were anxious to forget
  The quarrel of that fateful morn.
Ou3 future now seemed extra bright,
  From school day follies we were free,
But it was soon as black night—
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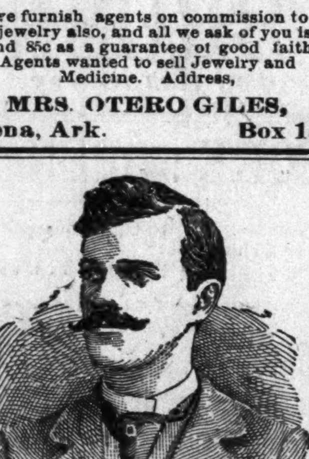

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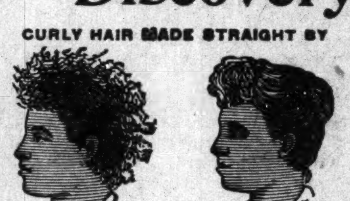

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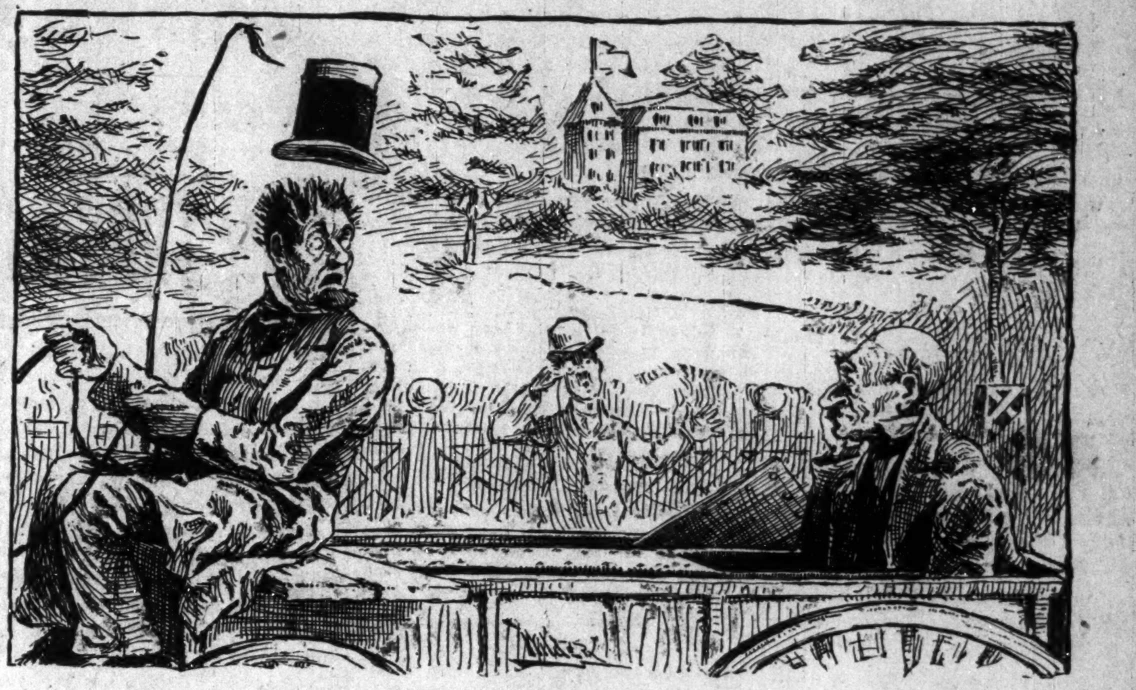
"Wall, it is so, whether you believe it or not. Why, I see a feller jest now who sez he don't believe anybody would ever die at all, if they kep' themselves kinder wet through all the time with this water."

"Oh, shaw!" sez I. (I seldom say shaw, but this seemed to me a time for shawin'.)

But Josiah kep' on, for he wus fearfully excited. Sez he, "Why, the fellow said, there wuz a old man who lived right by the side of this spring, and felt the effects of it inside and out all the time, it wuz so healthy there. Why the old man kep' on a livin', and a livin', till he got to be a hundred. And he wuz kinder lazy naturally and he got tired of livin'. He said he wuz tired of gettin' up mornin's and dressin' of him, tired of pullin' on his boots and drawin' on his trowses, and he told his grandson Sam to take him up to Troy and let him die.



"Wall, Sam took him up to Troy, and he died right away, almost. And Sam bein' a good hearted chap, thought it would please the old man to be buried down by the spring, that healthy spot. So he took him back there in a wagon he borrowed. And when he got clost to the spring, Sam heard a sithe, and he looked back, and there the old gentleman wuz a settin' up a leanin' his head on his elbo, and he sez, in a sort of a sad way, not mad, but melancholly, **'You hadn't ort to done it, Sam. You hadn't ort to. I'm in now for another hundred years.'"**

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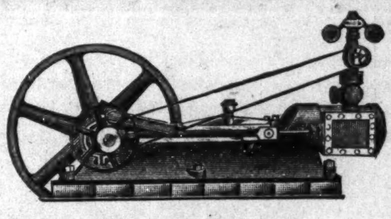

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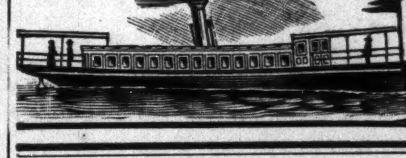

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Mr. and Mrs. Woodard Stewart of Noblesville, Ind., were in the city Monday, shopping and calling on friends.

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Paducah, Ky., Special.

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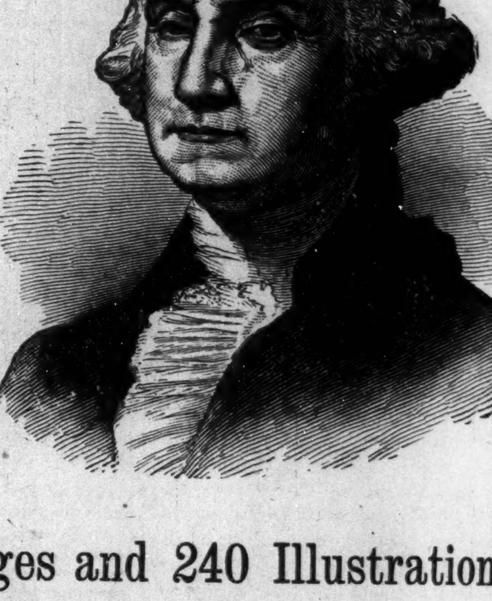

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